

### C.) AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the Application.

1. (currently amended) A composition for use in a ceramic composite stiffener including a web portion, at least one flange portion, a radius region disposed between the web portion and the at least one flange portion, a skin member that is secured to the at least one flange portion and the radius region, the composition being applied along the radius region adjacent the skin member, the composition comprising:
  - about 55 % to 72 % by weight ceramic particles;
  - about 1 % to 3 % by weight plasticizers; and
  - about 20 % to 26% by weight silica-yielding liquids; andsufficient solvent to permit mixing of the components and forming a pliable composition having a putty-like consistency capable of being rolled into a cylinder, wherein the cylinder conforms to and substantially fills a void between the radius region and the skin member; and  
wherein the ceramic particles range in size ~~from~~ from about -20 mesh to about +50 mesh.
2. (previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the ceramic particles are selected from the group consisting of alumina, crushed ceramic matrix composites, calcined clays, grog and combination thereof.
3. (cancelled)
4. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the plasticizers are organic compounds.
5. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the silica-yielding liquids are non-curing silicones.
6. (previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the weight percentage of an evaporable solvent is from about 2 % to about 10 % of the weight of the composition.

7. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the pliable composition is substantially cohesive.
8. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the pliable composition is of uniform consistency.
9. (previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the evaporable solvent is an alcohol.
10. (previously presented) The composition of claim 9 wherein the evaporable solvent is isopropanol or ethanol.
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20. (previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the cylinder is formable in one contiguous segment.
21. (previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the cylinder is about 1/8 inch in diameter.
22. (new) The composition of claim 1 wherein the plasticizer comprises dibutyl phthalate.